

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 4th October, 1975



CELTIC v HEARTS

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

A SOLO FROM DIXIE DID IT LAST SEASON

WITH THE season just two months old, Celtic to-day play Hearts for the third time, although it is the first meeting in the Premier League competition.

The two previous encounters were in the League Cup competition and those meetings produced a victory for the home club each time.

Generally speaking, however, Hearts haven't had a great deal of success against Celtic in recent seasons.

In the 1973-74 league meeting at Celtic Park, Billy McNeill had to sit the game out because of injury and Roddy McDonald got one of his first big team games as his deputy.

The teams on that occasion, March 2, 1974, were:

Celtic: Hunter; McGrain and Brogan; Connelly, McDonald and Hay; Hood and Murray; Deans; Dalglish and Wilson. Substitutes, McCluskey and Bone.

Hearts: Cruickshank; Sneddon and Kay; Jeffries, Anderson and Brown; Aird and Gibson; Ford; Stevenson and Murray. Substitutes Prentice and Busby.

Referee Mr J. W. Paterson (Bothwell)

Hearts made the early running in the game and Celtic had some worrying moments, particularly from three raids in which woodwork came to Celtic's rescue. Celtic, however, survived the Hearts onslaught and encouraged by the 32,000 crowd started to take control of the game.

After thirty minutes Celtic scored a great goal which subsequently was to prove the only goal of the game.

Steve Murray sent Danny McGrain away on the overlap and when the ball was centred Dixie Deans pounced on it to score. This win kept Celtic ahead in the league race with a five points lead over Hibs.



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WITH TWO Premier League points (from Dundee United) and a place in the second stage of the European Cup-Winners' tourney secured... it has been a busy and satisfying week.

And we seek to maintain the winning rhythm this afternoon with full championship points from Hearts, always welcome and attractive visitors to Parkhead. This is the third meeting of the clubs this season and the "score" is one victory apiece.

Nevertheless, our 2-0 defeat at Tynecastle didn't halt our march in the League Cup series, in which we have a semi-final tie with Partick Thistle at Hampden on Monday. Success here would take us to our 11th successive League Cup Final.

Our two meetings with Hearts in the League Cup were good ones. We were disappointed over the Tynecastle result but made up for it at home, and I anticipate that the fans will leave the ground this afternoon satisfied with the fare.

It is true that spectators have had to put up with some frustrating matches. As a club, Celtic do not go on to the field to stop the opposition exhibiting their skills. We let them worry about us and our style of play. Yet it does happen that some opponents introduce defensive tactics and create fan annoyance.

Hearts didn't take that line in their League Cup tie here. They came at us. How refreshing it was from the "Milan-type" game other opponents have adopted.

Defence in depth and possession football tactics can spell DANGER for Celtic... the danger of frustration. That may well be the object of the opposition exercise and certainly Celtic player exasperation has, on occasions, reflected itself in the team going too far forward, becoming exposed in defence to a swift break and the loss of a goal.

There have been times when understandable Parkhead fan reaction to the "barriers" set up against their players has "pushed" the team into attacks that did not have 100 per cent disciplined concentration. I don't blame the fans for this, but would ask them to ponder the point and exercise patience if possible.

We are continually working to eliminate this frustration danger and I am convinced we are succeeding. The main defensive structure is strengthening and tightening. In our seven September games only three goals were conceded.

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1910, 1914, 1915,
1916, 1917, 1919,
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1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

Cup Winners (24 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,
1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974, 1975.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1975.

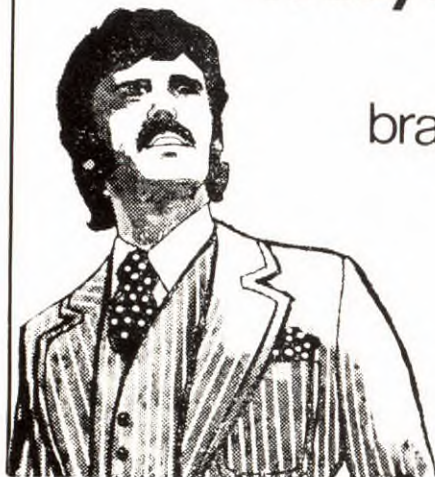
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Hearts boss says...

CELTIC CONSISTENCY — THAT'S THE TYNECASTLE TARGET

EXACTLY A YEAR ago John Hagart became manager of Hearts. It was the club's centenary season and today the man who moved from the post of Tynecastle coach to overall boss says: "It has been an exhilarating, sometimes disappointing, but always busy, challenging and ultimately encouraging 12 months."

He is sure his team is "moving in the right direction" and the concentration now is for consistency of performance.

"That's our essential requirement. There are good players at Tynecastle, some highly experienced plus a number of great young laddies. But we've got to capture the consistency that has been the hallmark of Celtic for the last ten years.

It is the peak everybody is aiming for. Celtic have done it all, but nobody should get the idea that their day is over. They are still a most formidable, well-organised force. And, above all, still consistent."

A major point of encouragement for manager Hagart in the past year has been the way the Hearts players have applied themselves to their profession.

"We hear so much criticism about young people today... like young footballers not being professional enough, for instance. I can only speak about the young men at Tynecastle. They have worked very hard. They cannot be condemned by a single person for lack of effort and drive, not only

in the Saturday games, but at training through the week.

"Their dedication has been inspiring and of course I'm a lucky fellow to have a trainer like John Cumming. There can be no better example of loyalty to a club than John's attachment to Hearts over many years as a distinguished player and enthusiastic member of the backroom staff. Here, too, there is the influence of John Harvey another long service man. Both are steeped in the traditions of the club and it rubs off on the players. At board level as well I have considerable encouragement and help from Bobby Parker and Tommy Walker whose names are synonymous with Hearts. Yes, I consider myself fortunate to be managing a club where there is such a strong 'family' feeling and atmosphere."

Naturally, John Hagart would like to celebrate his first managerial anniversary with a victory today at Parkhead, "a ground I always like to visit." He has several reasons for keenly anticipating a trip to Celtic Park.

"Celtic are such a good team and the stadium atmosphere is exciting. I enjoy it, too, when Celtic come to Tynecastle for you know they will be playing good, open football, and that they will let you play in a like manner. It is the formula for fan entertainment."

On the Premier League experiment, manager Hagart reserves judgement. "I honestly felt at the start I didn't have sufficient managerial experience to make a definite pronouncement. I think we needed change in Scotland, but whether the current set-up is the complete answer we'll only be able to assess at the conclusion of the series. It has to be by trial and error for there is no one scheme so far devised which can guarantee success for clubs and enthrall those most important fellows, the fans."

John Hagart

TODAY'S VISITORS

HEARTS, one of the two sides to beat Celtic in this season's competitions, have a 50-50 away record in the Premier League and maintaining that on a set of solid home statistics will be a threat to everyone in the tourney.

The player pool blended by manager John Hagart is full of promise and he is hopeful that several of his young men will break through to become Scotland personalities. They have been gathering excellent experience in the Anglo-Scottish Cup tourney.

The Tynecastle pool includes:

JIM CRUICKSHANK: Joined Hearts from Queen's Park 15 years ago. Is one of the safest keepers in the game. He lost his team place last season, but worked hard to regain the No. 1 spot in the side. Has five full Scottish caps.

DAVE CLUNIE: Can play either full back position and has been a Tynecastle regular for several seasons. Has been honoured by the Scottish League.

ROY KAY: An attacking full back, his strong thrusts on either flank make a lot of useful openings for the Tynecastle strikers.

ALAN ANDERSON: Cost Hearts £1000 when they signed him from Scunthorpe 12 years ago and he has proved a bargain buy.

DON MURRAY: Now skipping the side which he joined from Cardiff City last season. Makes up a

HEARTS BANK ON THE YOUNG ONES



DON MURRAY

Joined Hearts from Cardiff last season. Now skippers the Tynecastle side.

powerful defence team with Anderson.

DREW BUSBY: Signed from Airdrie two years ago as a striker but was given a midfield role last term. The switch has been a successful one, and he is still a scoring threat to all opposition with his booming shot.

WILLIE GIBSON: Broke into the League side last term. His flair for snapping goals makes him a valuable man to have around.

JIM JEFFRIES: Mr Versatile. Plays at full back, centre back or midfield. Joined Hearts six years ago.

DONALD PARK: A product of Inverness Caley he has made his mark as a winger or midfield operator.

RAB PRENTICE: Reached Tynecastle on a free from Celtic. Is a firm favourite with the fans for his exciting left wing thrusts.

JOHN STEVENSON: Joined from Coventry two years ago and is in team contention again after injury. Has a powerful shot to back his midfield games.

RALPH CALLACHAN: A local boy who has played for Scotland at Youth and Amateur level. Broke into the team last season and has been a success in midfield and on the wing.

KENNY AIRD: An experienced player who has not been able to command a regular right wing place, but has proved a valuable member of the substitutes' bench.

JIM BROWN: A key figure in the Tynecastle set-up, he is the midfield dynamo that powers the team.

STEVE HANCOCK: A product of Newtongrange Star he played for Junior Scotland before stepping in to the senior ranks with Celtic. Released from Parkhead a couple of seasons he popped in one of the goals that brought defeat for Celtic in the Tynecastle tie in the League Cup this season.

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Division One champions: 1894-95, 1896-97, 1957-58, 1959-60.

Scottish Cup winners: 1891, 1896, 1901, 1906, 1956.

Scottish League Cup winners: 1954-55, 1959-60, 1962-63.

Club colours: Maroon with white facings.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE



LIKE Celtic and Hearts, the referee in today's Parkhead match had a mid-week engagement. John Gordon was handling the UEFA Cup tie in Belgium between Club Brugge and Olympique Lyonnais . . . one more in a long and imposing list of international assignments.

A member of the UEFA and FIFA refereeing rosters, he has been whistling round the Scottish circuit for 16 seasons. He's a remarkably fit 45 who says: "When I was a young fellow in Inverness I didn't imagine that football would take me round the world as it has done. Football has given me a great deal of pleasure and I aim to put something back into the game"

Referee Gordon is one of the few Scots to have had a close up look on the international field at Celtic's capture from Iceland, Johannes Edvaldsson. He was in charge in July of the Iceland-Russia qualifying tie for the Olympic Games.

Now located in Fife at Newport on Tay a frequent question to referee Gordon is: What do the initials J.R.P. stand for? The answer: John Robertson Proudfoot.



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